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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF  
GLOBAL WATER – PALO VERDE UTILITIES  
COMPANY FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF  
JUST AND REASONABLE RATES AND  
CHARGES FOR UTILITY SERVICE DESIGNED  
TO REALIZE A REASONABLE RATE OF  
RETURN ON THE FAIR VALUE OF ITS  
PROPERTY THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF  
ARIZONA

DOCKET NO. SW-03575A-09-0077

**MOTION TO CONSOLIDATE**

Global Water – Palo Verde Utilities Company (“Palo Verde” or “Applicant”) moves that this docket be consolidated five additional rate dockets that were filed on the same day for affiliated companies (collectively, the “Global Utilities” ), and together with their unregulated affiliates and parent companies, “Global Water”). Specifically, Applicant moves that the following dockets be consolidated:

Utility	Docket Number
Global Water – Palo Verde Utilities Company	SW-03575A-09-0077
Global Water – Santa Cruz Water Company	W-03576A-09-0080
Valencia Water Company – Town Division	W-01212A-09-0082
Valencia Water Company – Greater Buckeye Division	W-02451A-09-0078
Water Utility of Greater Tonopah	W-02450A-09-0081
Willow Valley Water Co.	W-01732A-09-0079

1 Consolidation is justified for numerous reasons:

2 **Cost Allocation.** The Global Utilities know that the Commission will want to examine  
3 the allocation of costs among the Global Utilities, and between the Global Utilities and their  
4 unregulated affiliates. In order to address concerns raised by the Commission and Staff, Global  
5 Water has implemented a new cost allocation method, as further explained in the testimony of  
6 Greg Barber, which was filed along with the Rate Application of Palo Verde. This allocation  
7 method should be more transparent and easier to audit. However, the Global Utilities expect that  
8 the Commission will want to fully examine all aspects of cost allocation. This issue is common  
9 for all the Global Utilities. Moreover, this examination should be simpler if all the Global  
10 Utilities are before the Commission in the same proceeding.

11 **Other Common Issues.** There are additional common issues that impact each of the  
12 Global Utilities. For example, the Global Utilities have submitted joint testimony concerning cost  
13 of equity, cost of debt, total water management and cost cutting measures that is applicable to  
14 each of the Global Utilities.

15 **Integrated Service.** The Global Utilities strongly believe in the integration of water,  
16 wastewater and recycled water services. Integration allows the water utility to promote the use of  
17 recycled water, and it also provides increased efficiencies. Because the provision of these three  
18 services (water, wastewater and recycled water) is so closely linked, the Global Utilities believe  
19 that, when possible, the rates for these three services should be determined in one proceeding.  
20 Here, Palo Verde and Santa Cruz provide integrated water, wastewater and recycled water  
21 services to the same service areas in Pinal County, Arizona. In addition, Palo Verde and Santa  
22 Cruz share certain employees and facilities. Thus, the rate applications of Palo Verde and Santa  
23 Cruz should be consolidated.

24 **Rate Consolidation.** In order to limit the rate impact to customers of the smaller utilities,  
25 the Global Utilities are proposing to consolidate the rates of the three Global Utilities in the West  
26 Valley: Valencia Water Company – Town Division, Valencia Water Company – Greater  
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1 Buckeye Division, and Water Utility of Greater Tonopah. In order to properly evaluate this  
2 proposal, it will be necessary to consolidate the rate dockets involving these utilities.

3 **Efficiency.** Processing one combined case should be more efficient than processing six  
4 separate rate cases. This should benefit Global, the Commission, Staff, and any intervenors.

5 Accordingly, Applicant requests that the Commission consolidate these six dockets.  
6 Counsel for Applicant has conferred with counsel for Staff and Staff has indicated that it does not  
7 oppose the proposed consolidation.

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9 RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 24<sup>th</sup> day of February 2009.

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